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From: Mohr, Mindy
Sent: Thursday, August 06, 2015 3:42 PM
To: Bahrman, Sarah
Cc: Copeland, Michael
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Hey Sarah,

To fill you in:

- No concerns at So. Ute about their intake, it's two watersheds away
- Ostrander etc had a call with Region 6. Our main contact for NM Drinking Water at R6 is Angela Restivo. Her phone# is in previous emails to you. Other folks on the call were their Region 6 ER folks. They plan another inter-Region call about 8:30 our time tomorrow; their chief concerns in NM are Aztec and Farmington, trying to get folks out to take baseline samples before the slug hits. Some coordination between their OSCs and ours...
- There was some mis-information provided to our OSCs about Durango and their water treatment plant by the Durango City manager. As a result, our ER is sending Pete Stevenson down tonight to help with sampling/treatment for the DW system. The city manager implied they couldn't treat the water, they are dependent on the Animas River, etc. HOWEVER, I called Tyson Ingels at CDPHE. He called Dave Ferguson, main Operator/Superintendent at the Durango WTP. Tyson knows him well, did their previous sanitary survey, was surprised Dave hadn't called him if there were treatment concerns. Tyson called back after he talked to Dave; Bob Brobst and I were told by Tyson that they actually have 50 MG in Terminal Reservoir (holds 70 MG) so enough clean water to treat for 5 to 10 days (for drinking water use). They just have concerns

with their golf course, irrigation system -- they apparently don't want to conserve water just for DW. (That's why the City Manager is pushing for use of the Animas River.) Tyson also said that their treatment system is robust (I guess conventional filtration plus) so Bob and I figure that if they have to dilute the clean Florida river water with Animas water, they probably could treat it if needed. But even diluted, it should not be needed for 5 to 10 days. This info was relayed to Ostrander etc, and everyone was relieved.

Here's Tyson's info in case it's needed. I'll be in tomorrow.

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